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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK
NORTH DAKOTA

Superintendent's Compendium

A compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements and other regulations enacted under the discretionary authority granted to the Park Superintendent under Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The regulations contained in this compendium are a supplement to those already codified in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, and are in addition to other Federal and State laws applicable within Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

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SECTION 1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

1.5(a)(1) Visiting hours, public use limits, closures

All park roads are subject to temporary closure during periods of adverse weather, natural disaster, emergency, or implementation of management responsibility, as indicated by signs, locked gates, or other means of notification. Driving a vehicle on closed roads is prohibited.

Service and administrative roads that are designated by signs and/or locked gates are closed to all vehicle traffic except those on official government business.

Backcountry trails may be temporarily closed when trail conditions are such that use may be hazardous to the visiting public, (e.g., rockslides, flooding). Visitors shall be advised of such closures by the posting of signs at trailheads, trail junctions and/or other appropriate locations. Entering a closed trail is prohibited.

Other portions of Theodore Roosevelt National Park are subject to closure or restriction of public activities if the Superintendent or his/her designated representative determine that such closure or restriction is necessary to avoid risk to public safety or damage to the natural, cultural, scenic, or aesthetic resources of the park. Such closures will be lifted upon termination of the condition that precipitated the closure (e.g., rockslides, floods, wildlife management activities, herbicide treatments, wildland fires and prescribed burns). Entering a closed area is prohibited.

Roads closed to vehicle traffic due to winter/snow conditions remain open to non-vehicular use such as hiking, skiing, or snowshoeing.

The drainage settling pond northeast of Building #111, 440 Second Avenue, is closed except for servicing.

The Wind Canyon parking area is closed to all parking, except for vehicles belonging to visitors with valid backcountry use permits, from 11 PM to 5 AM from May 1 through Labor Day.

Fenced pastures or corrals containing park horses or longhorn steers are closed to public entry.

Scavenging in government refuse containers is prohibited.

All areas of the park are closed, with the exception of the main park housing areas, to the use of flying kites, remote controlled devices (including cars, planes, rotorcraft, robots, etc.), and helium-filled latex or Mylar balloons unless they are tethered or released indoors.

All areas of the park are closed, with the exception of the main park housing areas, to the playing of softball, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes and other lawn games.

1.5(a)(2) Use Limits, Conditions, Restrictions

GENERAL

The following public use limits, conditions, and restrictions are established within Theodore Roosevelt National Park:

WEDDINGS

Weddings may be held in the park pursuant to a permit issued by the superintendent including the following conditions:

Unless held in the reserved Group camping area, the total number of guests/participants is limited to 100. No other areas of the park may be reserved for exclusive use.

Throwing of confetti, rice, or birdseed, or the release of birds, butterflies or balloons is prohibited.

All participant vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.

No public address systems or amplified music are permitted.

WILDLIFE

The use of calls, calling devices, audio attractants or other artificial or natural means of attracting or disturbing wildlife (including rattling antlers or verbal animal imitations) is prohibited.

Collecting antlers, feathers, or other animal parts is prohibited.

SEGWAYS

Segways and motorized scooters, as defined in 36 CFR 1.4, are motor vehicles. Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5 (a) and 4.10(a), the park has imposed a restriction on the use of Segways and motorized scooters from all areas within the park including all park roads, trails, and sidewalks and walkways.

However, any park visitor with a disability is permitted to use a Segway or motorized scooter in the park, including in structures and facilities, and on sidewalks and paved walkways, when such devices are used for the sole purpose of mobility assistance.

Use of any mobility assistive devices, as outlined above, must also adhere to the following:

- a) No person under 16 years of age may operate a Segway.
- b) A person shall operate any mobility assistive device in a safe and responsible manner; maximum speed will not exceed more than 8 mph ("Segway sidewalk/Intermediate" key), so as not to endanger one's self or any other park visitor.
- c) A person riding any mobility assistive device upon and along a sidewalk or walkway, while crossing a roadway in a crosswalk, or on any other surface shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, except that the mobility assistive device operator must always yield to pedestrians (park visitors).

IDLING VEHICLES

Operators of diesel and gasoline powered motor vehicles are prohibited from idling their engines for longer than 5 minutes in parking lots in developed areas.

DESIGNATED BACKCOUNTRY

All lands and waters within the boundaries of Theodore Roosevelt National Park are designated as backcountry with the exception of the following frontcountry areas:

Areas contained within both paved and unpaved two-wheel drive road corridors open for general use by all categories of passenger vehicles. Dimensions for these corridors shall be 300 feet from the centerline on paved roads and 50 feet from the centerline of non-paved two-wheel drive roads unless a topographic feature provides a closer and more functional natural boundary. Designated two-wheel drive roads are

identified on the Theodore Roosevelt National Park brochure, publication number: GPO: 2009_349-224/80239 Reprint 2003 (or subsequent revision).

Developmental zones directly accessed from two-wheel drive roads as identified on the Theodore Roosevelt National Park brochure.

WEED AND SEED FREE FEED AND GRAIN

Possessing, storing or transporting feeds, hay, straw, grain or mulch that is not certified as being noxious weed free or noxious weed seed free according to the North American Weed Management Association Standards for Certified Weed Seed Free Feed is prohibited.

Possessing, storing or transporting out-of-state feeds, hay, straw, grain or mulch that has not been certified according to the North American Weed Management Association Standards for Certified Weed Seed Free Feed is prohibited.

Use of pelletized feed is allowed.

Transporting feeds, straw, hay, grain or mulch on through roads and to ranches adjacent to Theodore Roosevelt National Park is allowed.

SECTION 1.6 PERMITS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.6(f), the following is a list of activities for which a permit is required within Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Permits are issued by the Superintendent and may be subject to special requirements. Engaging in these activities without a permit, or violating the terms and conditions of a permit is prohibited.

Entering closed areas	1.5(a)(1)
Specimen collection	2.5(a)
Frontcountry camping	2.10(a)
Backcountry use permit (overnight stays)	2.10(a)
Special events	2.50(a)
Public assemblies, meetings	2.51(a)
Sale or distribution of printed material	2.52(a)
Memorialization (scattering of human ashes)	2.62(b)
Posting or distributing commercial notices or advertisements	5.1
Business operations	5.3
Commercial filming	5.5(a) & (b)

Permit must be in the permittee's possession at all times and exhibited to authorized personnel upon request.

SECTION 2.1(c)(1) PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Up to one quart per person per day of the following may be gathered for personal use or consumption:

Buffalo berry
Chokecherry
Currant berry
Juneberry
Juniper berry
Mushroom

Plum
Rose hips
Skunkbush sumac berries
Wild strawberry

SECTION 2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION

2.2 (d) Wildlife lawfully taken outside the park and tagged in accordance with state law may be transported directly through the park on the East River Road in the South Unit only. Persons transporting wildlife carcasses must have a valid state hunting license in their possession for the species being transported. Transportation may not include any stops except for emergencies. All wildlife carcasses must be covered.

Any animal entering the park after being lawfully shot or wounded while outside the park may not be retrieved except under the supervision of a law enforcement park ranger.

2.2(e) All lands within the boundaries of Theodore Roosevelt National Park are closed to viewing wildlife with an artificial light, including flash photography of wildlife at night.

SECTION 2.5 RESEARCH SPECIMENS

Research specimen collecting requires a permit. Written research proposals must be submitted to the Superintendent via the Research Permit and Reporting System website (<http://science.nature.nps.gov/research>) allowing a minimum of 30 days for staff review.

SECTION 2.10 (a) CAMPING

A Backcountry Use Permit is required for all overnight use (commercial and non-commercial) outside these designated campgrounds: Cottonwood Campground and Roundup Group Horse Camp in the South Unit, and Juniper Campground in the North Unit.

Camping is not permitted at the cabin site enclosure at the Elkhorn Ranch Unit.

Except for the developed campgrounds listed above, camping is not allowed within 1/4 mile or within sight and sound of developed roads and trails.

Between May 1 and Labor Day, the camping limit in Cottonwood and/or Juniper Campgrounds is a total of 15 days in either one visit or the accumulation of separate visits. Camping is limited to 30 days in a calendar year.

Use of park campgrounds as a base camp for hunting parties is prohibited.

Parties using the park's backcountry areas for overnight camping are limited in size to no more than 10 people without horses, or 8 people with 8 horses.

GROUP CAMPSITES AT COTTONWOOD AND JUNIPER CAMPGROUNDS

The group campsites will be open from May 1st through September 30.

At Cottonwood Campground Group Campsite the minimum group size is 7, and maximum capacity is 20 people and 5 passenger vehicles.

At Juniper Campground Group Campsite the minimum group size is 7, and maximum capacity is 60 people and 20 passenger vehicles.

The maximum length of stay at the group campsites is limited to 5 consecutive days, and 15 days annually.

Check-out time is noon.

ROUNDUP GROUP HORSE CAMPGROUND

Roundup Group Horse Campground will be open from May 1st through October 31.

The minimum group size is 6, and maximum capacity is 20 people and 20 horses, or 30 people without horses.

A reservation system established for Roundup Group Horse Campground allows for reservations to be made for the calendar year beginning the first Monday of March.

The maximum length of stay is limited to 5 nights annually.

Camping is permitted only for non-commercial horse users.

Check out time is noon.

FRONTCOUNTRY CAMPSITES

Camping with vehicles is permitted only in designated campgrounds. Campgrounds are designated by appropriate signing and by NPS brochures and maps available to the public at the visitor center and ranger stations.

Campsite occupancy in Cottonwood Campground and Juniper Campground is limited to no more than 1 family or 6 people, and 2 vehicles per campsite. Walk-in tent sites are limited to 1 vehicle per site.

Vehicles in campsites at Cottonwood Campground and Juniper Campground must be parked so the wheels of all vehicles remain on the parking pad surface, and vehicles do not extend into the roadway.

In Cottonwood Campground and Juniper Campground, campsite registration and fee payment must be completed within 30 minutes of occupying a campsite. Campsite occupancy is not recognized unless the required camping fee has been paid and the registration properly posted. No person may register for a campsite with the intent of saving the site for someone else.

(The sentences above were previously shown as 2 bullets and combined for clarification).

It is prohibited for visitors to go through the campground requesting registered campers to share their campsite.

Check-out time at Cottonwood Campground and Juniper Campground is noon.

Generator operation is permitted in Cottonwood Campground and Juniper Campground only between the hours of 8 AM and 8 PM.

Tying or hanging any lines from trees, shrubs, signposts, etc., is prohibited.

Frontcountry camping is limited to 15 consecutive days per trip, and a maximum of 30 days annually.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

Backcountry camping is prohibited within 1/4 mile of established roads or trailheads.

Backcountry camping is also prohibited within sight of maintained roads or trails, or within sight or sound of other camping parties.

Backcountry camping is prohibited within 200 feet of any water source, or recognizable archeological or historical sites, or backcountry trail junctions.

Backcountry camping is limited to 15 consecutive days per trip, and a maximum of 30 days annually.

SECTION 2.10(d) FOOD STORAGE

While in a campground, picnic area, or parking lot, all food and garbage must be kept sealed inside a vehicle or camping unit constructed of a solid, non-pliable material or other acceptable method to protect it from wildlife intrusions. These restrictions do not apply to food that is being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption.

SECTION 2.11 PICNICKING

Picnicking is prohibited within the developed headquarters and residential areas except where tables are provided for public use.

Picnicking is prohibited in Cottonwood Campground and Group Campsite, Roundup Group Horse Camp, and Juniper Campground and Group Campsite from May 1 through September 30.

Picnic areas are closed from 10 PM to 6 AM daily.

SECTION 2.13(a)(1) FIRES

Open fires are permitted only in designated vehicle campsites and picnic areas. At these areas, fires shall be contained within designated grills/rings or in portable fire pans capable of containing all fire ash and residue. Fires, and the use of stoves or lanterns, may be restricted during times of high to extreme wildland fire danger.

SECTION 2.14(b) SANITATION AND REFUSE

Where toilet facilities are not available, all human waste will be buried at least 6 inches deep, away from wash bottoms, at least 200 feet from flowing water, and in an area not frequented by the public. The burying or burning of toilet paper is prohibited; toilet paper and feminine hygiene products must be carried out.

SECTION 2.15 PETS

2.15(a)(1) Pets on leashes are restricted to developed areas, and are permitted only within 50 feet of center line of established roads and parking areas. Pets are prohibited on all trails and throughout the backcountry.

2.15(a)(1) Pets are not permitted on commercial tours.

2.15(a)(5) In all campsite areas or picnic areas and in all paved surface areas, pet owners/controllers are required to immediately pick up solid waste left behind by their animals and dispose of it in toilet facilities or garbage cans.

2.15(a)(5)(e) Park residents may keep pets in accordance with the Theodore Roosevelt National Park Pet Policy. That policy is hereby adopted and made part of this compendium. The Superintendent may choose to adopt all or portions of the City of Medora pet policy for those residences within the City of Medora.

SECTION 2.16(g) HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

The following conditions and restrictions apply to horse and pack animal use within Theodore Roosevelt National Park:

Animals designated as pack animals shall be limited to horses, burros, and mules.

Horses and pack animals may not be kept overnight in any established roadside pullout, campground, or picnic area, with the exception of the Roundup Group Horse Campground.

Horse and pack animal use in any part of the park may be prohibited when, at the discretion of the Superintendent, such action is necessary to protect park values or visitors.

Horse/s or pack animal/s that become lost or die must be reported on the day of the occurrence.

STOCK USE

Horses and pack animals are allowed throughout the park except in the following areas:

Developed campgrounds (excluding Roundup Group Horse Camp) or picnic areas

Caprock Coulee Trail

Coal Vein Trail

Little Mo Nature Trail

Painted Canyon Nature Trail

Ridgeline Trail

Skyline Trail

Wind Canyon Trail

At parking lots and other loading areas, horse and pack animal manure, including fresh excrement or manure spilled from trailers, must be picked up prior to the vehicles departing.

Parties camping with horses or pack animals must camp and picket their animals at least 200 feet from water.

Horse and pack animal manure must be scattered upon vacating a campsite. Manure must be removed immediately if dropped in or near any spring or non-flowing water source.

All feed must be carried in and supplied by horse and pack animal users. All feed must be certified weed-free feed.

Horses and pack animals must be picketed in locations where there will be minimum vegetation damage. At Roundup Group Horse Campground, stock may only be kept in the corral or tied to designated hitching posts. Stock may not be tied to trees, enclosure fences, or other campground facilities, and may not be picketed or hobbled within a 2-mile radius.

SECTION 2.18(c) SNOWMOBILES

The operation of snowmobiles is permitted in both the North and South Units only on the frozen surface of the Little Missouri River in accordance with State law. The park will be open for such activity at times determined and posted by the Superintendent depending on weather, snow and river condition. Access to and from the river for snowmobiles will be from outside the park boundaries only. See "Special Regulation", 36CFR 7.54.

SECTION 2.20 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, roller skis or similar devices is prohibited except on streets and driveways within residential areas.

SECTION 2.21(a) SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in all public use and administrative buildings and facilities.

Smoking is prohibited in all government vehicles. (Department of the Interior policy)

Smoking may be prohibited in any area of the park during times of high or extreme fire danger.

SECTION 2.22(a)(2) PROPERTY

Visitors on overnight trips in the backcountry may leave their vehicles parked overnight and unattended in parking areas or established roadside pullouts only for the period of time specified on their approved backcountry camping permit.

Leaving caches associated with the practice of geocaching, letterboxing, or similar activities are prohibited. Geocaching is defined as the placement of a cache (item/s) and distributing coordinates or other information for the purpose of directing others to the cache. Virtual geocaching, the distributing of coordinates or other information for the purpose of directing others to a location without the placement of an actual cache is permitted.

SECTION 2.23 RECREATION FEES

2.23(b) Frontcountry group and individual campsites are designated fee sites when in compliance with 36 CFR, Part 71.3(b)(1)(i). Recreation fee permits are required for overnight stays in the Cottonwood and Juniper Campgrounds, and will be issued by a self-registration system. The permit application requirement shall be met by completing the fee collection envelope, inserting the required payment into the envelope, and depositing the envelope in the security container at the registration station within 30 minutes of occupying the campsite.

2.23(c) Recreation fees may be suspended during periods of extreme weather, wildfires, power failures, road closures, or other emergencies as authorized by the Superintendent.

SECTION 2.35(a)(3)(i) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

All public use buildings are closed to the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages except during officially sanctioned activities when the building is closed to the general public.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in parking areas adjacent to visitor centers, on nature trails, and at interpretive programs.

SECTION 2.51 PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

Permits are required for any public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, or other public expressions of opinion within the park. Approved locations are designated in Appendix "A." Other locations may be considered for public assemblies or meetings pursuant to regulations and evaluation of the request by the superintendent. Written applications for permits must be submitted to the Superintendent at least 7 days prior to the date desired for the event.

SECTION 2.52 SALE/DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

Permits for this type of activity will be issued by the Superintendent and limited to areas designated in Appendix "A". Written application must be submitted to the Superintendent at least 7 days prior to the date desired for commencement of the activity.

SECTION 2.62(b) MEMORIALIZATION

Scattering of human ashes from cremation requires a permit from the Superintendent, which will establish conditions for, and location of, this activity.

SECTION 4.21(b) SPEED LIMITS

The following maximum designated speed zones apply:

- South Unit main park road, south to north boundary: 35 mph
- Scenic Loop Drive: 25 mph
- North Unit main park road: 25 mph
- Developed campgrounds and picnic areas: 15 mph
- Entrance stations and visitor center areas: 15 mph

SECTION 4.30 BICYCLES

4.30(a) Bicycles are prohibited on all park trails, including any portion of the Maah Daah Hey Trail located within the park. Riding, possessing, or carrying a bicycle off a public roadway is prohibited.

SECTION 5.3 BUSINESS OPERATIONS

A Commercial Use Authorization is required of all commercial groups/tours, etc. including non-profit groups conducting business in the park.

Educational groups are determined on a case by case basis but are generally exempt from this requirement.

APPENDIX A

SECTION 2.51(e) PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

SECTION 2.52(e) SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIALS

The following locations are designated as inappropriate for these uses based on the criteria set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations:

All designated wilderness and other undeveloped areas of the park are closed as these activities would unreasonably impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility maintained in backcountry, natural, historic, or commemorative zones.

All offices, visitor centers, maintenance areas, nature trails, viewpoints, campgrounds, picnic areas, and parking lots are closed as these activities would unreasonably interfere with interpretive, visitor service, or other program activities, or with the administrative activities of the National Park Service.

All concession areas are closed, as the activity would substantially impair the operations of public use facilities or services of National Park Service Concessioners.

The following locations are open:

Public Assemblies, Meetings

The contiguous mowed lawn east of the North Unit Visitor Center entrance walkway and north of the parking lot sidewalk.

The 100 feet of contiguous mowed lawn east of the flagpole and adjacent to the parking lot of the Medora Visitor Center parking lot.

The 100 feet of contiguous mowed lawn west of the Painted Canyon Visitor Center between the two light posts adjacent to the sidewalk and north of the parking lot.

The Juniper Campground amphitheater and the Cottonwood Campground amphitheater, as long as the timing of the assembly does not interfere with scheduled interpretive events.

Sale or Distribution of Printed Material

The contiguous mowed lawn east of the North Unit Visitor Center entrance walkway and north of the parking lot sidewalk.

The concrete section east of the Medora Visitor Center and north of the sidewalk adjacent to the wooden fence, and the contiguous 20 feet of mowed lawn north and east along the sidewalk.

The contiguous mowed lawn 20 feet by 20 feet west of the Painted Canyon Visitor Center entrance walkway and north of the parking lot sidewalk.





